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SUBJECT: OECD INTERFUTURES PROJECT

REF: (A) TOKYO 13322; (B) PARIS 18041 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY TOKYO SHOULD INFORM ISAMU MIYAZAKI OF USG VIEWS
AS STATED PARAS 3-7 BELOW WHEN EMBASSY OFFICERS SEE MIYAZAKI
ON WEDNESDAY. U.S. INTERFUTURES STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRILL OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT)
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WILL BE CORRESPONDING WITH MIYAZAKI ALONG THESE LINES.

2. U.S. MISSION OECD REPS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY PARAS 3-7
BELOW IN DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT WITH SECRETARIAT AND
OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. INTERFUTURES PROJECT DIRECTOR LESOURNE HAS ASSURED US

THAT THE PROJECT CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE BUDGET BY THE
END OF 1978. WE WELCOME LESOURNE'S ASSURANCES THAT HIS
GROUP'S MANDATE WILL BE FULFILLED BY THE END OF THE YEAR
AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE FINAL REPORT AT THAT TIME.

4. GIVEN LESOURNE'S ASSURANCES, THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL
PART II FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE INTERFUTURES PROJECT DOES NOT
ARISE. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT LESOURNE WOULD LIKE,

AND MAY SEEK FUNDING, TO KEEP AT LEAST SOME OF THE INTER-
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RELATED FOLLOW-ON WORK.

5. PARTS OF INTERFUTURES STUDY APPEAR TO BE RELEVANT TO
THE OECD'S ON-GOING WORK IN AREAS SUCH AS POSITIVE ADJUST-
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NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS, OECD RELATIONS WITH NON-
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DOES NOT RPT NOT IN OUR OPINION REQUIRE CONTINUATION OF
INTERFUTURES AS A PART II PROJECT. WE ARE CONSIDERING TO
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THE APPROPRIATE PARTS OF THE 1979 OECD WORK PROGRAM AND
BUDGET AND HOW MUCH OF AN INCREASE IN THE OECD'S 1979 BUDGET
WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6. OUR PREFERENCE FOR INCORPORATION OF THE FOLLOW-ON WORK
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WORK IN AREAS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO MEMBERS.

7. WE HAVE NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION ON HOW BEST TO
INTEGRATE RESULTS OF INTERFUTURE PROJECT INTO OECD WORK
PROGRAM AND WOULD WELCOME JAPAN'S VIEWS.

8. FYI FOR TOKYO. PART II PROJECTS IN OECD BUDGET ARE
SUPPORTED ONLY BY PARTICIPATING OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES. ALL
MEMBER COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE PART I BUDGET. END FYI.
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